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Memo for [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: Weakening Attitude of the New Iraqi Government.

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1. The [REDACTED] rep in Baghdad has reported increasing indications that the new Iraqi govt is weaker than had been anticipated, especially in its proposed policy toward Syria and Egypt. The hope that the Iraqi Palace might play a strong role is not being born out. One marked manifestation of a weakening in the GOI's policy is evidenced by an ostent report that on 25 June Prime Minister Ali Ayyubi told the Director General of Information and Guidance, Khalil Ibrahim, that in the anti-Egyptian and anti-Syrian news broadcasts of Radio Baghdad and the Iraqi jamming of Syrian and Egyptian broadcasts must stop.

2. GOI officials in whom we have confidence are concerned about this change in policy and fear that it may indicate that Ali Jawdat believes he should bring his country's policies into closer alignment with those of Egypt and Syria. The same GOI officials believe that such a softening attitude toward Egypt and Syria would have a bad effect on King Saud and the strong pro-Iraqi stand he has taken in the past few weeks.

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3. [REDACTED] shares the concern of the above mentioned GOI officials and fears that if this trend continues, a series of events will develop which will weaken the Western position. He would be particularly disturbed by any weakening, not only of King Saud's present pro-Western position, but also the strong pro-Western position taken by King Hussein.(etc etc)